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## <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 29, 2000

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted with the new application.

Although the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by the discussion of these documents in the specification.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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